

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

(1) Please replace the two paragraphs located on page 2, beginning on line 22 and ending on line 32, with the following:

These aims are achieved according to the invention through the features of claim 1. ~~Corresponding aims are achieved through the other independent claims.~~

By providing control means connected to at least one of the valve elements so that the valve elements of the valve arrangement are axially separated, thus positioning the fluid inlet to the working chamber separated from the fluid discharge, several advantages are achieved. The positions and dimensions of the inlet and discharge are independent of each other. Thus, each one can be independently optimized to suit the function and flow characteristics desirable for the specific application for which the device is to be applied.

(2) Additionally, please replace the paragraph located on page 3, beginning on line 7 and ending on line 10, with the following:

According to a particularly preferred aspect, the valve elements are connected to each other by the control means, (e.g. a stem) so as to form a valve body. This provides for excellent self-adjustment properties.